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Dear Mom and Dad,

We had a good day for the marathon and we had no difficulty in finishing. The temperature was in the 50's and light sprinkles kept the runners comfortably cool. About 10,000 ran which makes this marathon the 2nd largest in the U.S. and 3rd in the world (after London and New York).

Vickie was delighted to get home from Boston. The trip was a lot of work and she had to prepare a short talk on the results of her interviews. Yesterday she took the day off and visited the "Treasure Houses of Britain" which just opened. It is a lavish exhibit which is extremely crowded. I will try and go later on when the crowds are down. Last Friday I picked Vickie up at the airport and after a "picnic" in my office we went to the Kennedy Center to see the opera "Don Giovanni" by Mozart. We have operas to see the next two Fridays as well.

My paper on "The Limits to Growth" got an A+ which was a surprise. There were no comments so I don't know what the instructor liked. I am very busy on my two final projects which are computer programs for each of my two classes. In one I am teaching the computer how to gain and maintain the opposition in the chess endgame.

Mom, if you get a chance I could use next year's calendar as events are already being scheduled. We plan to go on a nine-day bicycle trip through France in July.

Love, Jim & Vickie